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## Manifesto to the Australian Working Class.

### RUSSIA'S APPEAL TO THE TOILERS OF THE WORLD.

#### Socialism or Capitalism—Which?

The workers of Russia, our comrades, have heroically struck and are still bravely striking for liberty.

Having achieved a great and glorious victory over a bloody and brutal autocracy, which had for centuries crushed them with a relentless cruelty, they are now determined that no other form of despotism, however modified, shall take its place.

To just simply overthrow a military autocracy, representing landed interests, and leave the economic resources, the means of production in the hands of a few, is nothing other than a change of despotism, from that of a military and landed aristocracy to the domination of a plutocracy. It would still leave the great mass of the people, after all their suffering and sacrifice, to the mercy of a capitalist class (a triumphant bourgeoisie) to be legally robbed and subjected to the miseries that capitalism brings in its train.

The Russian working class refused to spill their blood for conditions of this character. They therefore continued the fight against capitalism itself. The autocracy of the factory and workshop must go the route of the military autocracy. What they were now aiming to achieve was not only their own, but the economic liberty of all workers, without which political liberty remains a farce and a mockery.

To secure this economic liberty, i.e., the right of all workers to determine for themselves the conditions they desire to work under and enjoy the fruits of their labor instead of having conditions dictated to them by a master class, it was essential that industries should be controlled by those who do the actual work of society.

So instead of a democracy (?) or a republic (?) after the capitalists' own heart, i.e., one in which the people have the right to elect politicians and the capitalist class quietly reserving to themselves the right to bribe and corrupt them, one in which in theory the people rule, but in reality the capitalist class rule the supposed rulers, the Russian working class decided instead to apply the principle of democracy to industry, by wiping out capitalist control and establishing in its place collective control by the workers.

That is to say, instead of a constitutional monarchy or a capitalist republic (the wish of international finance), they declared for a Soviet Republic—an industrial democracy.

This, as was to be expected, was a terrible blow to the world's plunderbund who had all Russia mapped out for exploitation after the war. The panic it caused put into insignificance their Peace and Peace Conference deliberations.

To start a human butchery on such a huge scale for the perpetuation and extension of capitalism, for "spheres of influence," for the investment of their capital, and then reap such rotten results to themselves was something they did not bargain for.

All their flag waving resolutions, and prayers for victory has been absolutely wasted.

But why all this health destroying worry? Have we not been assured with

all the means and emphasis at their command that "Socialism will never succeed," as it is impractical and against human nature? Surely had they believed what they intended others to believe, they should have welcomed an open demonstration before the whole world, as it would have settled all their arguments in its favor. But no! They had no intention of tempting fate by any trial experiments, for they knew as the absurdity of their own arguments.

The establishment of a Soviet Republic, the first step in the economic emancipation of the workers of the world, was a step which would spread and set the people of the world on fire.

Consequently, the capitalist class, the landed aristocracy, the military and industrial bourgeoisie, and the plutocracy, all united to crush it quickly.

The late German Emperor, Kaiser Wilhelm, and his "other" Kaiser, the Allied ruling classes, the other immediately set to work, financing an army of the reactionary elements of the former Russian Empire, and do not forget that these reactionary forces are like our own brand, the most patriotic and respectable (?) in the land, who were prepared to fight, not to the last Duke Baron or capitalist, but to the last milk peasant worker, and the last rouble they had succeeded in robbing the peasant of.

Prior to the revolution, these capitalist spots appeared most eager to the oppressed to fight for the "Proletariat" and annihilate the ruling class, being the seizure of the Dardanelles at Constantinople, which has since been admitted.

But when the said "Proletariat" refused to be their exclusive possession and instead the collective property of the whole Russian community, thus making the phrase "OUR COUNTRY" a reality, and not a myth, then the ultra-respectable citizens gave us a true exhibition of capitalist patriotism by appealing to the same enemy to come to their rescue, in order that they may, under the flag of German Imperialism, continue the exploitation and robbery of the toiling masses.

These facts were added and published by the whole of our capitalist press, for was there a word of condemnation, written? Not at all, how could they, when they were so intensely occupied shamefully slandering the Bolshevik leaders by accusing them of being "German agents and traitors," and in the pay of the German ruling class? They even went the length of publishing forged documents purporting to show the exact amount of bribe money these leaders were receiving. Since then the position has changed, a revolution has taken place in Germany, and the self-same press now informs us that these very "traitors" and "German agents," are now flooding Germany with tons of Bolshevik literature, and are secretly financing and arming the followers of Karl Liebknecht (The Spartacists) who, like the Bolsheviks, are not contented with the mere overthrow of a despot, the Kaiser, but are determined to continue the fight for the abolition of the plutocracy itself, the very class, the forged documents alleged were paying huge sums of money to Lenin and Trotsky. So much for the honesty and truthfulness of the capitalist press and the class on whose behalf they lie and slander. As for the real traitors, not only were they denounced for their treachery, but the

moment they lost German support and protection thanks to the revolution, then the Governments of the Allied powers immediately rushed to their assistance, and this altogether apart from the support given to the reactionaries, was remained faithful to Allied capitalism owing to their geographical position.

Workers, as a rule, are ignorant and stupid, and the working class being brutally tortured and slaughtered by the agents of a cruel and bloody autocracy, they are now, our most civilized (?) nation, and not by any means new to the international police of another country. When, however, a despotic his handlings, on some armed tools of foreign finance, espionage, for assassination and counter-revolution, and now take on them a taste of the medicine they formerly served out to the emancipation of working class emancipation, then what a jell of horror and indignation comes from the capitalist class of the world. They shed tears by the gallons as though they were the most extreme pacifists, and, under the pretext of establishing "LAW AND ORDER," spread chaos and disorder by their armed intervention and attempted interference in the internal policy of a country.

Men who had been galled into the belief that they were fighting for democracy and freedom, are now actually used to crush a reality in order to make the world safe FOR PLUTOCRACY.

It is of course dreadfully shameful for Socialists to preach class consciousness to workers, but here's a world-wide demonstration, and object lesson in the class consciousness and solidarity of the capitalist class. That the workers been equally as class-conscious as the employer class, the despotic capitalism and the dawn of working class emancipation would now have been an accomplished fact.

The world's capitalist class, will only quarrel and declare war on each other, so long as those whom they exploit and rob will act as pawns in their game of spoils, and in the name of humanity, and civilization, etc., etc., will furiously slaughter and cripple one another on their masters' behalf. They no longer quarrel, and unite forces the moment invested interests or "property rights" are menaced by any one liberty through the united independent action of the workers to free themselves, as capitalists' intervention in Russia proves.

It is not nationality, race, color, or religion which divides the capitalist class, but territory, markets, mining and railway concessions, in a word, plunder. The former are the means by which your exploiters, through their press, politicians and so-called holy persons, etc., succeed in divided and setting you at one another's throats.

How long, oh workers! How long! Are you going to remain fools and allow yourselves to be divided upon such questions to your own injury?

The so-called ignorant Russian toilers have proved wiser and more conscious of their class interests than their comrades in other lands. They have set the world's workers a lesson in unity of action and purpose. They withdrew from a war in which worker slaughters worker in the interests of a Czar, Kaiser, and the class that these and others represent, and in place of an Imperialistic war for conquest

and plunder, they have reorganised their forces for a class war, a war which can be carried on by civilized as well as by the "tooth and claw" method of international capitalism.

The latter method of the bayonet and machine gun had been forced upon our class in Russia by their past and would-be oppressors of the present day.

In this class war Russian capitalism has the backing and active support of the capitalist class of the world, whose class instinct tells them that an injury to one capitalist is an injury to all, an injury to the capitalist class of one nation is the immediate concern of the capitalist class of all nations. The Russian proletariat are appealing to the world's workers to take up the same attitude, to unite and make common cause for the overthrow of a system which sets man against man, class against class, and nation against nation, and establish in its place a world-wide Cooperative Commonwealth.

Workers of Australia! Will you respond to the appeal of your Russian comrades and unite for your own emancipation, or are you still going to acquiesce in your own exploitation and enslavement?

Remember, that loyalty to capitalism is disloyalty to yourselves, your class and humanity.

The unity of the capitalist class can only be met by the unity of the working class. Therefore, workers unite upon an industrial basis, and into One Big Class Conscious Union for the democratic control of industry.

Unite upon the political field into a Socialist Revolutionary Party, in order to achieve the revolution, i.e., the complete change from capitalism to Socialism.

Let no side tracking schemes or red herrings lead you from the goal, the abolition of capitalism and the inauguration of a Socialist Commonwealth. Workers! do not lag behind in the world wide struggle for real democracy and real freedom.

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## Work and Wages.

By MARCIA.

It is really wonderful what we may learn from the capitalist press, if all the working class paid attention to their duties as taught in its columns, the master class would have exceedingly obedient and subservient slaves.

For the benefit of our readers who may not have seen the "Evening News" of a few days ago, we will quote from an article which appeared in that issue: "Manageress writes:—

There is a tendency these days to extol the worker, especially by his or her class. There are others who are not so enthusiastic on the subject possibly because they know it better. Lately the woman worker has had just a little limelight, and a wise and learned judge has decided that 30 weekly shall be the minimum wage for a working woman little enough, Heaven knows, and no sensible person would grudge it to her if she earned it.

But in most cases the brains they possess are used to enable them to do the minimum of work for the maximum of pay. If they displayed the same ingenuity in their daily work with efficiency as an object, they would be invaluable to any employer."

This statement is certainly worthy of comment.

What have the workers to worry about being invaluable to their employers?

What is "Manageress" getting excited about it for either?

How few people seem to realise that the whole thing is a business proposition.

Labor power is a commodity, and is bought and sold in the labor market under the same laws that govern the sale of all other commodities.

The buyer wants the most he can get for his money, and the seller wants the most money offering with the output of the least possible amount of energy.

The workers as a whole strive to get their existence wage with the least possible amount of work but unfortunately the capitalist has by far the advantage on his side.

With the army of unemployed at his disposal he is able to force his slaves to produce a certain amount of profit for him, or he throws them out on the mar-

## Slams and Jabs.

By JAYBES.

## Who is to Save Civilisation?

The moment workers of a country decide to do a bit of fighting for more of the comforts their united labor produced, from out of the night comes the wail, "Civilisation is menaced." The harlot press of a ruthless ruling class calls upon the "more sober element" to unite its efforts to stem the tide of "extreme action." Be it remembered that this so-called "sober element" is the same element who for four long bloody years have been calling loudest for blood—not the blood of the "sober element," but the blood of a betrayed working class—this was the same element who were willing to sacrifice the last drop of blood for the "Hemphire" so long as that blood belonged to someone else. Now that the blood-drenched working class are waking up to the tragedy embodied in the capitalist class "civilisation," and are bending their efforts to make civilisation real for those who do the world's work, we find the very fiends of hell and hypocrisy attempting to accuse them of menacing civilisation.

To us civilisation means more than barren phrases and empty words, to us civilisation means LIFE, LIBERTY and access TO THE MEANS OF LIFE.

Art and literature, education and culture, science and travel are a means to the real civilisation to which WE aspire. How much then of this civilisation has the workers enjoyed up to the present? These necessities are only enjoyed by the

few—those who are called "civilised," loading few—the so-called "civilised."

Are we to destroy civilisation by organising and efficiently operating industry for the benefit of the whole, instead of allowing, as it is now, those who work at least to enjoy most and those who work most to enjoy least?

**CIVILISATION BE HANGED!** These hell-hounds of plutocracy, the bond-holding capitalists; these prostituted and vicious ink-slingers, the harlot press reporters of the plunderband; These blood-guilty mob of black robed heathen, the clergy of Mars and Mammon: These gaily bedecked and embroidered military heroes (?) **WHAT KNOW THEY OF CIVILISATION?** For four years we have had THEIR civilisation. For four years death, destruction, famine and desolation has stalked the land claiming for its victims millions of workers and leaving in its path naught but wild bleak waste and loved ones bereaved, lonely and forlorn.

And in industry, too, we of the working class know what THEIR civilisation has meant to us. In the midst of plenty thousands go without, and millions more live on the poverty line. Children die and mothers weep, while the father is enslaved in the industries of the industrial bandits, on account of the lack of scientific organisation in the shop, mine and factory on the one hand and on the other by stupidly handing over the political power to the same class who enslave him. **CIVILISATION!** Yes, it WILL be saved and saved by the working class. The civilisation of capitalism means the continued poverty of the workers. The CIVILISATION of the workers means that all the good things produced by labor's hand shall be enjoyed by labor. We ARE out to destroy Capitalism and save civilisation from the remorseless, cruel and savage system where the industrious live in abject want and the idle live in luxury. We are out to save civilisation by establishing an INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY, and we want YOUR assistance. Join in the march. Fall in!

## Suggestions for the Commission on "The Cause of War."

"The Commission on the causes of the war has begun its investigation." News item.

The cause of war needs no commission of investigation. War is the outcome of capitalism. When the capitalists of one country find that the goods stolen from the workers in industry, cannot be got rid of in the foreign markets they now possess, they proceed prayerfully to capture other markets, and inasmuch as the capitalists of the other countries have this

no remedy for these ills; but there is, and it lies in the Australian national intelligence! We are not a stupid race. Far from it, but a great many of us have acquired a habit of expecting to get something for nothing, and it is not to be done with impunity. We all have to pay sooner or later, so that when we come to see that for a day's wage we must give a day's work, the better it will be for everyone, and the more interest we take in our job the less the labor necessary."

Now we have come to our friend's summing up; it **would** be sad if we had no remedy, but fortunately we have.

We don't expect to get something for nothing; but all the same we hope that the workers will soon get out of their heads the idea of a day's wage for a day's work.

They are robbed of two-thirds of what they produce, and until they organise to take and hold the means of production there is no hope of conditions being altered.

The trend of the whole article is of course to attempt to create a kindly feeling between employer and employee, and to endeavour to show that if the workers do their part the boss will do his.

This idea is deadly, and must not be entertained for one instant.

The gulf between the two classes in society is absolutely impossible, their interests are opposed, and whether they realise it or not, conditions force a continuous struggle which will end only with the system.

The path, then, which lies in front of us is one of uncompromising revolutionary organisation; now, more than ever, is forced upon us the fact that nothing less than the absolute overthrow of capitalism will benefit us; therefore let us look neither to the right or to the left, refuse to be side-tracked and misled, and the victory will be ours, and a lasting emancipation achieved.

same "SURPLUS" to get rid of, the strongly object to their thieving hands getting control of territory or markets in which they were wont to dispose of the stolen goods. Each side has carefully implanted in the minds of those who produced this surplus, the workers, that THEY (the workers) have a counter. They teach them to love it and be prepared to fight for it when their, the capitalists', markets are endangered. This is called patriotism, i.e., to love the country the other fellow owns.

Suggestion 1 to the commission. Find out where this surplus wealth comes from. Suggestion 2. Find out the reasons for their being a "surplus." Suggestion 3. Find out the cause of this insidious manipulation called patriotism, and when we have found all that out just tap the water on the head and see if it sounds like home. The cause of war in China was opium. The cause of war in Africa was diamonds. The cause of war in India was further exploitation. The cause of war in Canada was territory.

The thing for the Commission, to examine is capitalism itself, and by the time they have finished their job they will find that the very thing they have been examining has disappeared. Speed them!

## The Coming Patriotic Revival.

The Imperial capitalists are going to spend a few millions in an attempt to give the faded patriotism of a war Australia.

Don't imagine that the agents Lord Jellicoe sent here for the good of health. With the expenditure of £2,000,000 of British money, the "British" war lords to this again must be added the fact that they are seriously considering the retention of the old battalions as salaried "ghosts." You may ask why this is attempted at a time when unemployment is so high in London. Without an army, navy, or air force, the workers' capital would be the root of a new revolution. The war lords are busy preparing to deal with the "Reds" for the capitalist class. Workers, wake up!

Speakers at the New England national Armistice. Colonel Albert W. Watt, M.P., 1st. Watt, a member of the House of Commons, is a capable politician in Australia. When Mr. Hughes comes back I should think there'll be no room for him.

We are never more than that. We KNOW that when labor wakes up, and that hour is close at hand, there will be no room in Australia for either Hughes, Watt or Albert, unless they become more useful to society than they have been in the past.

## British Philanthropy and the Reason.

It is reported that the "Supreme War Council" has sent a "tripartite commission" out to consider measures for relieving the unemployed. One has gone to Warsaw, the other to Trieste and the third to Berlin.

It is not so long ago that I wrote words of unbridled scorn, taking aim at the garbage of the London fish market, it would seem to me that the place needs relief most is right in the heart of the Empire.

The British capitalists are posing philanthropists by distributing food caused with the wealth created by same underfed of Britain.

The reason for the distribution is clear. They think that by doing out a few scraps they will avert the impending revolution, for every step made, no matter how far removed from England, spells death to British capitalism.

## The Advancing Bolsheviks.

Between the German Soldiers' Councils and the Government the tension is great, and the Government is grave by reason of the continued advance of the Bolshevik forces in Lithuania and Courland toward East Prussia.

It is reliably declared that the invading army is well controlled and united. Its moral is excellent, and it is dropping its domestic differences. Cable in London "Times."

How does this compare with the tame mutinies and sham element of the Bolshevik army as reported three months ago? How does it coincide with the recent statements about Petrograd being invaded, and the Bolsheviks fleeing? As reported last week. The fact is that they are now compelled to tell the truth, otherwise it would be impossible to explain away the reactionary defeats. O for a press that could lie well and lie consistently.







## RE JUDD AND THE LABOR COUNCIL.

The Editor "I.S."

Sir,--In your last issue it is stated that I am standing for the office of President of the N.S.W. Labor Council. That is not true. I informed Mr. Gordon, Sec. Labour Council, the morning following upon the night upon which nominations were received, that I would not stand, and asked him not to put my name on the ballot paper.

The statement in your paper re me and Industrial Unionism and "Trade sections" is grossly unjust, as page 98-99 of the report of the Melbourne O.B.U. Conference shows.

I shall expose the dishonest nature of your report in "Unity" later. I hereby challenge A. S. Reardon and R. Everett to meet me before the people on the Domain next Sunday, when I intend to expose the dishonest actions of Yours, etc., E. E. JUDD.

In the above Judd again shows his adeptness at lying by insinuation, that is by stating what is false. He fails to state that no names appeared on the press as a candidate in that office has not been a public demand from him. He also states that he was told when he was in the "Hill" office that owing to his not being a member of the Socialist Party he was not to be included in the statement.

We will accept his statement as true, but will also state that he is not a member of the Socialist Party, and that his statement is a lie. He is a member of the Labor Council, and that is all that matters. He is a member of the Labor Council, and that is all that matters. He is a member of the Labor Council, and that is all that matters.

Re "Trade sections" etc. Our statement still stands. After reading the report of the Melbourne Conference, we are now sure that he DID OPPOSE THE DELETION OF "TRADE SECTIONS". He did not only in Melbourne, but also in Sydney.

The statements made at the Melbourne conference when this point was under consideration, MERELY PROVE HIS ILLOGICAL POSITION IN BEING AGAINST THE SAID DELETION.

Re unity. The dishonest part, so far as he has informed us, is that there was not any mention in the report that a letter was received from the S.L.P. asking us to send the delegates.

This letter was DEALT WITH at conference, and the FACT REPORTED IN THIS PAPER.

The report, which was by two delegates, merely covered the ground since then. Judd further claims, that his reference to "trials" at the Melbourne conference merely referred to A. S. Reardon, and that he only mentioned others in a discussion with yours truly. Judd can make his own comment on this point.

As to the challenge, we would like to give Judd a little fatherly advice, that is, carry on the duties that you have already agreed to take on, one with yours truly, and another with Jackson of the W.I.U.

If you do this we may take you seriously, and in the process of doing it you will have blown off that high pedestal upon which you have put yourself. RE.

### PAMPHLETS YOU SHOULD READ.

Economic Discontent. By T. J. Hagerty 3d, posted 4d.

Economic Warfare. By W. R. Winspear. 6d, posted 7d.

How Capitalism has Hypnotised Society. By T. Brown, 2d, posted 3d.

Socialism, the Goal of Civilisation. Chas. Vail. 2d, posted 3d.

Towards Human Freedom. J. R. Wilson. 1d, posted 2d.

What Means this Strike. De Leon, 3d, posted 4d.

The Communist Manifesto. Marx and Engels, 6d, posted 7d.

Wage, Labor and Capital. Marx, 3d, posted 4d.

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## Why India wants Self-Government.

By H. CHRISTOPHERSON.

Concluded.

(Held over from last issue on account of lack of space.)

In 1913 the British army in India consisted of 75,575 men. With the native divisions, mostly officered by British officers, it reached 159,861 men, besides reserves. In 1916-1917 India was made to spend £22,500,000 on the military occupying the country while only £7,407,968 had been spent on education during the previous financial year.

The foreign soldiery quartered in India in many respects has tended to demoralise certain classes of India, and the main cause of the extensive prostitution which now prevails there is traceable directly to the corrupting influence of the army. It is a well-known fact that it has been the policy sometimes of the British military authorities to send out prostitutes from England to be used by the soldiers. The number of prostitutes in India is nowhere given, but prostitutes, beggars and vagrants, in 1913, there were 3,318,771, according to statistics. In 1904 about 200 of each 1000 soldiers in India were admitted to hospital on account of venereal diseases. This extremely high percentage gradually sank, until in 1913 only 53 in every 1000 were admitted to hospital for the same cause. This was not due to improved morality, but simply to the fact that the authorities assisted the men in the use of preventives, etc.

The salary of the Indian Viceroy, who is at the head of the military institution, is £16,720 a year. Some of the common officers in the British army in India get as much as £420 to £1350 a month. This all comes out of the revenue.

Mr. H. M. Hyndman, writing in 1886, stated that according to official figures at that time £20,000,000 had to be found annually by India to be remitted to foreign capitalists, while in reality the drain was over £30,000,000, from a country "whose total gross produce was valued at no more than £400,000,000 by officials, and at £300,000,000 by able native statisticians." In 1898-1899 the Secretary of State for India, that is a Minister in the British Cabinet who seldom gets any nearer India than London, received from India £16,303,197. It was spent in interest on debt, railways, army pensions and civil debts.

### What Public Men and Writers Think.

Lord Salisbury, when Secretary of State for India, wrote in a minute: "As India must be bled, the lancet should be directed to parts where the blood is congested, or at least sufficient, not to those which are already feeble for the want of it."

In September, 1900, Rev. Sutherland wrote in the "New England Magazine," Boston, discussing the cause of Indian famines. He contended that the famines were not due to failure of rains, nor to over-population, but to "the extreme, the abject, the awful poverty of the Indian people." And this poverty, he was convinced was due to the enormous foreign tribute the cost of the most expensive government in the world the army, the foreign wars, which he put down at £100,000,000, and of which England contributed to the one war £5,000,000, and to another £500,000.

Romesh Chandra Dutt in "Famines in India," stated that it was a case of "the stronger nation sucking the blood of the weaker."

H. R. Hyndman, in his book "Bankruptcy of India," says: "Even as we look on, India is becoming feebler and feebler. The very life-blood of the great multitude under our rule is slowly, yet ever faster, ebbing away."

### Capitalism Plans Further Exploitation.

Latest attempts have been made by industrial magnates, not only in India, but also in the British colonies, to enslave and exploit the poorer Indians in the industrial hell of modern commercialism. A few earnest Indians have for some time put up a strenuous opposition to this. Most of these Indians so far have been found among the educated classes. Some have received their education in India itself, and some have even been grounded in economics at such an institution as the Central Labor College, London. But

even a few of the Indian workers themselves are beginning to take a healthy interest in industrial matters.

One of the commercial trusts which have been exploiting Indian native labor under hellish conditions is our Colonial Sugar Refining Company, which showed its interest in the matter by capturing new colonies to exploit by giving liberally to the funds of the Nationalist Party to assist them in their efforts to pass the two constitution referenda in Australia. This company has exploited the Indians mostly in Fiji.

Professor C. F. Andrews, of India, who a couple of years ago paid a visit to Fiji, has recently issued a pamphlet on the conditions of Indian coolies there. Describing conditions in Fiji among the indentured Indians, Mr. Andrews states that on account of the unnatural conditions under which the coolies are living crimes are frequently committed in the community. Murders, suicides, and crimes of violence occur with unrelieved monotony. Much of this is brought about because male laborers are indentured, while very few women come across. This brings about an abominable trafficking in young girls, selling them for marriage now to one man now to another. Wives pass from one man to another with appalling frequency. Tiny girls, nine or ten years of age, are sold into marriage by their parents. Mr. Andrews states that in places in Fiji where the Indians are enabled to live an ordinary family life, these evils are unknown. But under the demoralising influence in the "lines" on the company's plantations the Indian laborers quickly degenerate.

Those in India who are striving to emancipate the Indian workers don't expect very much from workers in other parts of the world. All they want is to be assisted in their efforts, instead of being hampered. If the workers in other parts of the world would assist the oppressed people in backward countries in educating and emancipating themselves from their oppressors, instead of assisting in sending armed forces to terrorise them, much might be achieved.

### SOUTH COAST FIXTURES FOR MARCH.

Saturday, 8th.—At Bulli, Comrade W. J. Thomas.  
Sunday, 9th.—At Scarborough, Comrade W. J. Thomas.  
Saturday, 15th.—At Corrimall, Comrade L. Leece.  
Sunday, 16th.—At Thirroul, Comrade L. Leece.  
Saturday, 22nd.—At Wollongong, Comrade W. J. Thomas.  
Sunday, 23rd.—At Scarborough, Comrade W. J. Thomas.  
Saturday, 29th.—At Corrimall, Comrade A. S. Reardon.  
Sunday, 30th.—At Thirroul.—Comrade A. S. Reardon.

Commencing Saturday, March 29th, Corrimall Branch will hold an Economic and Industrial History Class in the local hall. The class will be held fortnightly, every back Saturday, and all interested are invited to attend whether members of the Party or not. A similar Class is held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock sharp in the local hall at THIRROUL, under Thirroul Branch auspices, and the same invitation is extended.

### ADELAIDE.

The S.D.L. Adelaide, held its half-yearly meeting on Wednesday, 12th. The attendance was large. The balance-sheet showed a small credit balance with no monies owing. The literature account showed paper and literature sales for the half-year to have amounted to £116. All meetings, both indoor and out, were largely attended all through. Organiser Alf. Wilson addressed 162 meetings during the term, and just on 100 new members joined up. Comrade Wilson is feeling the strain, and has refused to accept nomination for a further term. Applications are being called for the position of organiser at a salary of £4 a week.

It was decided to accept the report of delegate to Unity Conference, and affiliate with the A.S.P.

Press Correspondent.

### ORGANISER WANTED.

Applications for the position of Organiser are invited by the Social Democratic League, Adelaide. To be in not later than March, 19th. Salary £4 per week.

ALF. W. WILSON,  
Organising Secretary.  
A.W.U. Bldgs, 15 Flinders St.

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Any Branch desiring matter published under the above heading, should write clearly what is needed, and forward same to this Office.

### BROKEN HILL.

Socialist Hall, Sulphide St.  
All rebels making their way to the "Hill" will receive a welcome at the above address.  
Every Sunday morning: Lectures.  
Every Sunday night, 7.30: Lectures.  
Study course of Scientific Socialism: Every Thursday night, 7.30.  
Public Speaker Class.  
Good Library for Members.

### CORRIMAL.

Rebels on the South Coast, come along and link up with a scientific working-class organisation. A welcome awaits you.  
Meetings every back Sunday, 2 p.m.  
E. R. BROWNE, Secretary.  
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Socialist Hall, Brisbane St.  
Outdoor Propaganda, Friday evenings, 7.15.  
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P. STALKER, Secretary.

### MELBOURNE BRANCH.

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Library and Reading Room for members.  
Lectures held every Sunday evening.  
Speakers' Class every Thursday evening.

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Business meeting every alternative Monday night at 7.30. Lecture and discussion from 8.30 to 10.30.  
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J. MURPHY, Hon. Sec.

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Hall: 369 Pitt Street, City.  
Library for members.  
Lecture every Sunday evening.  
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### THIRROUL BRANCH.

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